



## NEWS RELEASE

**Crop Production  
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### CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST

#### North Dakota

**Other Spring Wheat:** Production is forecast at 197 million bushels, down from 235 million bushels last year according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is expected to be 29 bushels per harvested acre, down 2 bushels from July 1 and 5 bushels below last year.

**Durum Wheat:** Production is forecast at 48.8 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year. Average yield is expected to be 25 bushels per harvested acre, down 1 bushel from July 1 and last year.

**Barley:** Production is forecast at 68.4 million bushels, down from 79.8 million last year. Expected yield is 45 bushels, down from 50 bushels on July 1 and 55 bushels last year.

**Oats:** Production is forecast at 19.8 million bushels, up 33 percent from last year. Expected yield is 46 bushels, down from 53 bushels on July 1 and 62 bushels last year.

**Soybeans:** Production is forecast at 79.2 million bushels, up 7.5 million bushels from last year and a record high if realized. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 2.4 million acres, up from 2.1 million last year. Average yield is expected to be 33 bushels per harvested acre.

**Corn for Grain:** Production is forecast at a record high 110.2 million bushels, up 36 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1.03 million acres, up from 705,000 last year. Average yield is expected to be 107 bushels per acre harvested for grain, down from 115 bushels last year.

**Dry Edible Beans:** Production is forecast at 9.4 million hundredweight (cwt) for all classes, up 52 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is expected to be 650,000 acres, up from 400,000 last year. Yield is forecast at 1,450 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from last year. Acres planted by class are as follows: Pintos, 485,000; Navies, 173,000; Black Turtles, 57,000; Pinks, 8,000; Dark Red Kidneys, 6,500; Garbanzo, 10,000; Great Northern, 6,000; All Other 4,500.

**Sugarbeets:** Production is forecast at 4.95 million tons, up 15 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is 275,000 acres, up 38,000 acres from last year and a record high. Yield is estimated at 18 tons, down from 18.1 tons last year.

**Hay:** Alfalfa production is forecast at 1.6 million tons, down from 3.4 million tons last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.45 million acres, down 150,000 acres from last year. The average yield of 1.1 is down 1 ton when compared to last year. Other hay production is forecast at 1.2 million tons, down from 1.7 million tons last year. Harvested acres is estimated at 1.2 million acres, up from 1.1 million acres last year.

The crop production forecasts in this report are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from a cross-section of North Dakota producers around August 1. This report is based on conditions around August 1 and assumes no extreme conditions the remainder of the crop season.

#### United States

**All Wheat:** Production is placed at 1.69 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the July forecast and down 14 percent from 2001. This is the lowest production since 1972. Yield is forecast at 35.4 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from last month.

**Barley:** Production for 2002 is forecast at 252 million bushels, down 5 percent from the July forecast, but 1 percent above 2001. Producers expect to harvest an average of 55.9 bushels per acre, down 3.1 bushels from July and down 2.3 bushels from last year.

**Oats:** Production for 2002 is forecast at 143 million bushels, 3 percent less than the July 1 forecast, but 22 percent above last year's 117 million bushels. The forecasted yield is 54.2 bushels per acre, 1.9 bushels below the July 1 forecast and down 7.1 bushels from 2001.

**Soybean:** Production is forecast at 2.63 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2001 and 5 percent below 2000. Yields are expected to average 36.5 bushels per acre, down 3.1 bushels from 2001. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 72.0 million acres, down 1 percent from 2001.

**Corn for Grain:** Production is forecast at 8.89 billion bushels, down 7 percent from last year and down 10 percent from 2000. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1995. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 125.2 bushels per acre, down 13.0 bushels from last year. Farmers expect to harvest 71.0 million acres, down 1.08 million acres from June, but up 3 percent from 2001.

**Dry Edible Beans:** Production is forecast at 27.2 million cwt in 2002, up 39 percent from last year and 3 percent above two years ago. This is the largest dry bean crop since 1999 when production was 33.1 million cwt. Acreage adjustments since the June Acreage Report raised planted acreage estimates 1 percent but reduced harvested expectations by 3 percent. Planted area is now estimated at 1.87 million acres, 31 percent above last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.69 million acres, up 36 percent from last year and 5 percent above 2000. The average yield is forecast at 1,609 pounds per acre.

**Sugarbeets:** Production for 2002 is forecast at 27.6 million tons. If realized, this would be 7 percent above last year. Growers expect to harvest 1.35 million acres, 1 percent less than the June estimate, but 9 percent more than last year. The yield is forecast at 20.4 tons per acre, 0.3 ton below 2001.

**Hay:** Alfalfa production is forecast at 74.6 million tons, down 7 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.09 tons, down 0.28 ton from last year. Harvested area is 24.1 million acres, up 1 percent from 2001. Other hay production is forecast at 78.0 million tons, up 2 percent from 2001. Yields are expected to average 1.92 tons per acre, down slightly from last year. Harvested area is estimated at 40.6 million acres.

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CROP SUMMARY: AREA PLANTED AND HARVESTED  
NORTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2001 AND FORECASTED AUGUST 1, 2002 <sup>1/</sup>

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Barley	1,500	1,600	1,450	1,520	4,967	5,048	4,289	4,499
Corn for Grain <sup>2/</sup>	880	1,200	705	1,030	75,752	78,847	68,808	71,001
Corn for Silage			155				6,148	
Hay, All			2,700	2,650			63,511	64,709
Alfalfa			1,600	1,450			23,812	24,134
All Other			1,100	1,200			39,699	40,575
Oats	575	650	240	430	4,403	5,085	1,905	2,633
Rye	13	10	10	6	1,328	1,395	255	275
Wheat, All	9,450	9,080	9,080	8,820	59,617	60,085	48,653	47,628
Winter	150	80	80	70	41,078	41,362	31,295	29,764
Durum	2,200	2,000	2,100	1,950	2,910	2,760	2,789	2,692
Spring	7,100	7,000	6,900	6,800	15,629	15,963	14,569	15,172
Canola	1,300	1,350	1,285	1,320	1,494	1,513	1,455	1,458
Flaxseed	550	800	545	780	585	844	578	821
Mustard Seed					45.8	155.0	44.2	146.0
Rapeseed					3.7	2.0	3.1	1.8
Safflower					188	207	177	198
Soybeans	2,150	2,450	2,110	2,400	74,105	73,043	73,000	72,029
Sunflower, All	1,090	1,300	1,075	1,260	2,653	2,486	2,580	2,392
Oil	870		860		2,139	2,095	2,087	2,026
Non-oil	220		215		514	391	493	366
Sugarbeets	261	287	237	275	1,370.8	1,408.8	1,243.6	1,352.4
Dry Edible Beans, All	440.0	750.0	400.0	650.0	1,429.9	1,874.3	1,243.0	1,690.6
Navy	95.0	173.0	85.0		213.3	336.1	163.8	
Pinto	286.0	485.0	261.0		549.1	801.9	499.8	
Black Turtle	19.0	57.0	18.0		94.4	194.0	81.2	
Dark Red Kidney	5.0	6.5	4.7		56.9	67.7	52.3	
Pinks	4.0	8.0	3.8		20.0	34.9	18.7	
Garbanzo	19.0	10.0	16.5		147.7	79.5	128.0	
Great Northern	8.0	6.0	7.5		108.5	98.3	97.6	
Other	4.0	4.5	3.5		240.0	261.9	201.6	
Dry Edible Peas	90	130	86	125	211.8	271.5	196.8	263.5
Lentils	45	50	44	49	201.0	190.0	197.0	187.0
Fall Potatoes, All	118.0	120.0	110.0	112.0	1,111.1	1,169.8	1,092.5	1,142.1
Irrigated <sup>3/</sup>	37.5		35.1					
Types, Reds	21.5	22.8	19.0					
Whites	41.5	44.4	39.5					
Russets	55.0	52.8	51.5					

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CROP SUMMARY: YIELD AND PRODUCTION  
NORTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2001 AND FORECASTED AUGUST 1, 2002 <sup>1/</sup>

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States			
		Yield		Production		Yield		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
			July 1	Aug 1			July 1	Aug 1	
Barley	Bu	55.0	50.0	45.0	--- 1,000 ---	58.2	59.0	55.9	--- 1,000 ---
Corn for Grain	Bu	115.0		107.0	79,750	68,400			249,590
Corn for Silage	Tons	11.0			81,075	110,210	138.2	125.2	251,700
Hay, All	Tons	1.88		1.05	1,705				9,506,840
Alfalfa	Tons	2.10		1.10	1,705	2,795	2.47	2.36	102,352
All Other	Tons	1.55		1.00	3,360	1,595	16.6		156,703
Oats	Bu	62.0	53.0	46.0	3,360	1,595	2.47	2.36	152,616
Rye	Bu	34.0			1,705	1,200	3.37	3.09	80,266
Wheat, All	Bu	32.2			1,705	1,200	1.93	1.92	76,437
Winter	Bu	40.0			14,880	19,780	61.3	56.1	77,976
Durum	Bu	26.0	26.0	25.0	340		27.3		116,856
Spring	Bu	34.0	31.0	29.0	292,400	48,750	40.2	36.7	142,580
Canola	Lbs	1,400			3,200		43.5	39.6	6,971
Flaxseed	Bu	20.0			54,600	48,750	30.0	31.3	1,957,643
Mustard Seed	Lbs				234,600	197,200	35.2	32.0	1,361,479
Rapeseed	Lbs				1,799,000		29.5	29.5	1,587,710
Safflower	Lbs				10,900				83,556
Soybeans	Bu	34.0		33.0					79,545
Sunflower, All	Lbs	1,428							512,608
Oil	Lbs	1,470							448,051
Non-oil	Lbs	1,260							
Sugarbeets	Tons	18.1		18.0					
Dry Edible Beans, All <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,550		1,450					
Navy <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,560							
Pinto <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,550							
Black Turtle <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,600							
Dark Red Kidney <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,450							
Pinks <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,550							
Garbanzo <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,400							
Great Northern <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,710							
Other <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,400							
Dry Edible Peas <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	2,020							
Lentils <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	1,370							
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	240							
Irrigated <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt	375							
Types, Reds	Cwt	155							
Whites	Cwt	183							
Russets	Cwt	315							

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